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1. Starting in late January 1951, the number of troops opposite Chinmen Island suddenly increased.* In late December and early January, the 86 Division, with an artillery battalion attached, and two other divisions of the 29 Army occupied defensive positions on a line between Changpu (117-35, 24-06) and Chaolan (117-12, 23-44); however, one of these divisions and two regiments had returned to Weit'ou (118-34, 24-31), Anhai (118-30, 24-40) and Shenhui (118-37, 24-41) by 25 January. The 92 Division, 31 Army, is in the Amoy port area and at Chimei (118-05, 24-34); the 91 Division, 31 Army, is at Hoshan (朥山) and Aot'ou (118-14, 24-33). Two regiments are at Kulangshu (118-04, 24-27) and Sung'ing (嵩屏). One artillery battalion arrived at Chimei on 27 January with 5 motor-driven heavy guns and 18 horse-drawn guns.
2. The Marine Public Security Bureau of Chinchiang (118-34, 24-54) has prohibited the passage of civilian boats on the open sea. On 20 January all rural district government offices along the coast held instructions to impose martial law; this re-established the situation existing prior to October 1950.
3. In mid-January, five gunboats camouflaged with blue cloth went from Foochow to Weit'ou and Tansung (塘東).
4. On 23 January the following changes were made in the personnel of the Fukien Military District: TUAN Huan-ching (段煥競), Amoy garrison commander, was replaced by FU Shao-fu (傅紹甫); LIU Yu-niao (劉蘇標), political commissar, was replaced by NIEH Ning-chiu (聶鳴九).

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the increased number of troops opposite Chinmen Island is intended to strengthen the defense against a sudden Nationalist landing and not to prepare for a Chinese Communist attack on Chinmen or Taiwan. Normally the Chinese Communists complete preparations for underground work prior to launching a campaign; these preparations have not yet been vigorously pushed.

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